

THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOT SPIN

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask some questions. Why did the President's defenders begin by insisting that no sexual liaisons occurred in the White House? Then as evidence against the President mounted, why did his defenders shift their position to say that the President's sex life is a private matter?

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) will suspend. The gentleman may not engage in personal references to the President.

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, if extramarital sexual liaisons are supposed to be purely private, why are taxpayer funds being used to defend or facilitate or cover-up?

Taxpayer funds must not be used by lawyers to defend in a private civil suit or to attack or undermine investigations of allegation of wrongdoings.

Taxpayer jobs should not be used in any way for defending or promoting the allegations and accusations of anyone.

Mr. Speaker, the people, the American people are waiting for the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, not spin.

REMEMBERING PRIORITIES

(Mr. FOSSELLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, today we laid to rest one of the Capitol Hill Police officers who died tragically in last week's shooting. And a few days ago, I spoke on the floor because a police officer in my hometown, in Staten Island, was shot in the head by a 17-year-old assailant who just a couple of years ago killed a man when he was 15, and served a total of 18 months in jail and was let go and is alleged to have killed another man before he shot the police officer. We got the news last night that that police officer is now dead.

What that means is that a 6-year-old boy is without a father, a community has been destroyed, and yet we still question what we are going to do with this 15-year-old murderer.

Mr. Speaker, I do not doubt the sincerity of the folks who today engage in campaign finance reform, but let us remember what the priorities are. A police officer is dead, a family is destroyed, and let us pray for them to find the strength to survive.

ARE WE NOT ALL AMERICANS?

(Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I have got some news for House liberals in the Democrat party. A violation of the law is not a poll. A violation of the law does not depend on how the stock market is doing. A violation of the law has nothing to do with vast right-wing conspiracies.

Liberals seem satisfied with the response given by the White House about how the Democrat party accidentally raised nearly \$3 million from Communist China in the last election cycle, and I understand that.

Liberals are not troubled by the White House discovery that they had 900 FBI files of their political enemies, and I understand that, too.

And liberals do not believe that using the FBI and the IRS to smear Billy Dale in the White House travel office is an abuse of power, and I understand that.

But I do not understand why liberal Democrats in Congress are silent, silent, about the Clinton administration's decision to transfer waiver authority of sensitive technology to Communist China from the State Department and the Commerce Department. After all, Mr. Speaker, are we not all Americans?

REPUBLICANS HAVE A BOLD NEW VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

(Mr. WELDON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it appears that the political parties have come full circle. At the beginning of the century, the Republican party, under President Teddy Roosevelt, was the party of reform. As we approach the end of this century, the Republican party is once again the party of reform on almost every single issue.

Education? The Republicans passed education savings accounts and school choice initiatives that are being enacted across the country in the States with Republican governors.

Welfare? It took a Republican Congress to reform a broken system. A system that everyone knew was broken for many years, but was immune to change.

The Tax Code? Republicans in the House passed a bill to sunset the Tax Code and Republicans have crossed the country discussing the flat tax and national sales tax options.

Medicare? Medicare was on track to go bankrupt in 2001, but Republicans in Congress forced the first real Medicare reforms in history this past summer.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican party is the party of reform, of new ideas, innovation, and a bold new vision for the 21st century.

AMERICAN MINING INDUSTRY

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, of all the gains of our civilization and this great Nation, nothing has propelled the progress of civilization over the centuries as have the products of the mining industry.

A great deal of what we see around us, what we hear, what we feel or touch, comes from mining. Mining provides the energy and equipment to grow food, to develop lifesaving devices, to build highways and bridges, and to communicate around the globe.

Mining and manufacturing facilities operate in every State and are a vital base to which America's strength and future rely upon. Studies have shown that nearly every Member of Congress has a direct or indirect representation to the mining industry in their districts.

In order to responsibly address America's mining and industrial needs, and to promote its capabilities, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join the Mining Caucus. Together we can serve to educate all Members on regulatory and legislative ideas and their impact on the mining industry.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to help establish a strong presence in Congress; one that supports the mining industry, equipment manufacturers, and support service members. Working families in these vital industries are literally the backbone of America.

Remember, if it is not grown, it has to be mined. Our life, our job, and our future depend upon it.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1998

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia